CHAPTER XXIV .- CONTINUED.

With the coming of the March rains La Salle and his little band arrived. The meeting of the two comrades long Salle had entirely recovered his strength and was filled with his oldtime enthusiasm. The whole party made their way with the supplies, had brought with him from Quebec, down the river to the spot where the gather up the remnants of the dispersed nation, and found a new town protected by the citadel he had long contemplated erecting on the tall rock. He found on their arrival that a number of the Illini had straggled back to by them as a friend and deliverer. They entered heartily into his plans, leadership and protection, and sent emissaries out to recall the scattered tribes. They joined in with a right good-will to assist the French in the building of the fort that was to be a waters of the gulf. future protection against the incursions of their enemies.

This cliff stood by the river's edge like a castle tower. On three sides it arose steep and sheer. Its height was about 125 feet, while the top was about an acre in extent. In front it overhung the river; toward the west a forest lay at its feet; eastward a wide gorge protected it from approach in that direction. It was accessible only from behind, and that with difficulty by a narrow, steep passage hidden at the base amidst a waste of oak and walnut trees. The forest that crowned it was quickly cut down and its timhers used in erecting a palisade that ran around its edge. On the space thus cleared were erected a chapel, storehouses, a powder magazine, and various buildings to be used as dwellings by those who would flee to it for protection in time of war.

During this work the bands of the defeated Illini came straggling in, until their number amounted to six thou-Their lodges were built about the foot of the cliff. From the vicinity of Fort Miami came a band of twentyfive exiled savages from the eastern tribes, chiefly Abenakis and Mohegans, to join their slender force to that of of the Ohio came a body of Shawanoes to incorporate themselves with this new confederation, while the Miamis from the banks of the Thealdid, realizing the importance of joining with the others against their common enemy the Iroquois, offered themselves to swell the numbers. La Salle gladly accepted these numerous additions, and soon the country for a mile around the rock was dotted with the lodges of the allies. The total number at length amounted to over twenty thousand souls, of whom fully four thousand were warriors.

Finally the fort was finished and the flag that Rence had given to La Salle ficated from the summit. The name of Fort St. Louis was given to the fortification, and thus after many defeats it seemed as though some lasting progress had been made toward winning the great west for the French king

Tonti had recounted faithfully all the adventures of his journey to La Salle and had received warm praise for all that had been accomplished. He described his meeting with Renee at Quebec, the reason assigned by SPENT MANY HOURS HARANGUING Frontenac for her leaving France, his endeavors for her safety, which he ranguing them as to the benefit to be knew was precious in the eyes of his derived from putting aside all tribal friend, and all the course of their wan- feeling and joining with him in his derings. La Salle was surprised at efforts for the common good. The learning of her close proximity, but to convincing nature of his arguments, Tonti's amazement expressed no in- together with the presents distributed, tention of either going for her himself, brought about the desired effect. A or of sending to Michilimackinac to grand council was formed in which bring her to him. In fact, although he each tribe received recognition accordsaw a faint flicker of the former light in his eye when he first mentioned her. tions governing the community were yet he seemed to show far greater con- drawn up and assented to. A uniform cern over learning the condition of price for all skins brought to the affairs at Quebec than he did to hear French was established. The final the details of their voyage. Tonti at-tributed this seeming indifference to the hands of La Salle or his reprean attempt upon the part of his com- sentative. The limits of the land aprade to conceal his real feelings, as portioned out for cultivation were was his wont whenever anything definitely marked. The space around

La Salle realized that in order to the final touches to the buildings on maintain the advantage already top of the rock were completed. gained and keep in hand the various change for their furs. To meet the trip to that city must be made in person to make the best arrangements possible with his creditors and to provide for the importation of the various goods the Indians demanded. Thus it had hardly been accomplished before the ever-restless spirit of the man urged him to action. He therefore charge of Tonti and making the journey eastward with all possible speed. One thing more, however, was essen-This was that he should be able to report the exploration of the lower Mississippi and take possession of all king. This must necessarily be ac- sent, together with two of the nuns. complished first, so he made ready for to Fort St. Louis. the voyage southward. Choosing a ages that he would return and instructto make the voyage to the gulf fore the ships made their autumn voyage to France, so that they would bear the news of his discoveries to

Down the slungish

Illini they passed into the broad exthe Mississippi. Soon the mouth of the Ohio was seen and the heat of summer became more and Here and there they met with bands of savages living on the banks of the mighty river. These were approached with the calumet, the sign of peace, and the white travelers were entertained with feam and dances, while presents and promises were interchanged. La Salle harangued the listeners, assuring them of the great king's friendship and separated was full of gladness. La power, and claiming all the territory through which he passed for his sov-

Soon the great stream writhed in sinuous course, many marshes were tools, ammunition, etc., that Tonti passed, and the sultry heat of an almost tropical sun rendered the work the undertaking. He visited for the of paddling very fatiguing. They Illini town had formerly stood. La stopped to rest at one place and vis-Salle decided that he would try to ited at a short distance inland the great town of the Taensas. Here temple of the sun, with a sacred fire kept constantly alight. The chief as his lodge, and eternal friendship their old home, and he was welcomed with the French was sworn. Thus over many a weary league of tortuous water-course did they pass until the placing themselves willingly under his ever-widening river told them of the flowers the Indian children had gathapproach of their journey's end. The channel divided into three, and takbefore their wearied eyes the dancing queen.

erected bearing the arms of France, away up the river, and he knew that on which was inscribed:

FRANCE ET DE NAVARRE

REGNE." A Te Deum was chanted, and amid the shouts of savage voices, the cries of "Vive le Roi!" from the French, and the firing of guns, La Salle took possession of all the country drained by the great Mississippi and its tributaries under the name of Louisiana, for the French king and his successors. Thus on a summer day did that vast expanse from the Alleghanies to the Rockies from the unknown country far northward of the great lakes to the gulf, pass to the crown of him who, thousands of leagues away, was engaged in wasting the revenues of a great nation on the fripperies of a corrupt court and the transient glories of

CHAPTER XXV WHICH POMPON BRINGS HAR-MONY OUT OF DISCORD.

During La Salle's absence Tonti worked hard to further the welfare of the colony. His first effort, was to do away with all possible discord that might arise between the various nathe colony of La Salle. Soon the news tions comprising the new settlement. spread, and from the distant banks To this end he summoned the various chiefs and spent many hours ha-



ing to its size. Simple general regulathe base of the fort was all cleared;

These things having been actribes beneath his control, two things | complished, Tonti | waited | anxiously must be accomplished: one, that of for the return of La Salle. As the making the fort impregnable so that summer began to wane a strange disthe trust of the savages that he could ease broke out among the Indians that protect them from the Iroquois would did not affect the whites, but which not be lost; the other, that of supply- spread with great rapidity. With it ing them with French goods in ex- came the first murmurs of discontent. Some of the medicine-men after holdfirst conditions more men, ammuni- ing a feast determined that the tion, guns and cannon must be brought | scourge had been sent because of their from Quebec. To meet the second a extreme friendliness with the French. Tonti realized the danger, and determined that the best way to combat this new difficulty was to fight the disease. He accordingly instituted measures looking toward greater cleanliwas that the christening of the fort ness of the Indian lodges and did what he could to alleviate the sufferings of those already ill. At this juncture he received a letter from the commandmade his plans for leaving the fort in ant of the fort at Michilimackinac, who had always been friendly to La Salle and his projects. In this he said that the return of many bands of coureurs-de-bois had rendered the position of Renee a very trying one, as her beauty attracted much unwelcome that vast territory in the name of the attention and suggested that she be

Tonti, although knowing that her sufficient number of men for the expe- advent would mean further trials for dition, he departed, promising the sav- himself, gladly consented, realizing the need he had just then for nurses ing them to yield full obedience to and expecting the return of La Salle Tonti in his absence. The building shortly, believed it would be agree of the fort having been accomplished able to him to find her there. He acwith great rapidity, he hoped to be cordingly dispatched Pompon with two canoes to bring the party to the fort. and back in time to reach Quebec be- He awaited their arrival with impatience. The months that had elapsed months of activity that prevented him

himself wondering as to her safety and happiness. He timed the rate of Pompon's journey carefully.

lay had occurred, they ought to reach their journey's end. Never before had the sun shone so brightly upon the silken folds of the lily banner of France on the staff of the fort. Never before had the sound of birds calling to their mates seemed quite so clear and musical, nor the sight of the awakened happy life at his feet quickened his pulse with so much satisfaction as he realized what had already been accomplished. He fell to wondering if she would approve of everything that he had done and half wished that he had but a few days more in which to do a hundred little things that would make still further for the success of twentieth time the commodious lodge within the walls of the fort that had been set aside for the occupation of the women to see if the place were in Father Membre was shocked to find a good order. He had prepared soft couches for them, formed of layers of mingled leaves and pine needles covadmitted them to his temple as well ered over with a number of furs. The table and chairs, the sawing and making of which he had supervised, were in their places, while the walls were festooned with bunches of wild ered at his instigation. His final survey saw that everything was ready: ing the middle one, they soon found it was indeed a fit bower for a forest About noon from his lofty station

Here they landed, and a column was he caught sight of two tiny specks far they were coming. Entering his ca-"LOUIS LE GRAND, ROY DE noe, he seized his paddles and set out to meet them. His heart was light as he heard the music of the water beneath his prow. He had teen able to rescue her again from a position of discomfort and peril; perhaps other opportunities for serving her would arise. He hoped they would, for her service was his delight. He sang as he sped along; sang half-forgotten songs of deeds of war and glory, of fair women and gallant lovers. But he realized that he, alas, could not speak the words that were ready to fall from his lips, words of love, of tenderness, and of devotion that must not be uttered. He schooled his tongue to keep silence, but he knew he could not control his heart, which would beat to the tune of love's own music despite himself.

All animate nature seemed to rejoice with him. The glad screaming of the wild fowl winging their way along the marshy edges of the stream the cries of quail in the underbrush far away, even the hoarse cawing of the crows from their perches on the blacted limbs of the forest came to his ear in tones of sympathetic gladness. The whole world seemed in gala attire as though to welcome a loved monarch returning to his kingdom.

Soon they drew near, and he saw the flash of Pompon's signalling paddle in the air. He came alongside the canoe containing Renee, and perceived with thankfulness the glow of health on her cheek and the glad welcome of her eye that the words of commonplace greetings exchanged between the two could not express. They soon landed, and the nuns with their fair companion were quickly established in their new house. They set to work at once among the sick, and soon the effect of their presence was felt. The disease died out without further ravages, and again were the French hailed as the deliverers of their allies. The cooling hand and gentle ministrations of these angels of mercy procured for the two priests who came with them a respectful hearing, and soon quite a goodly number of the savages began regular attendance at mass. Renee's ionity and queenly beauty wor from the redmen their respect and admiration as for some supernatural creature, which soon developed into a devotion unheard of before among a devotion unheard of before among

During the epidemic Renee had been so busily engaged that Tonti scarce had caught a glimpse of her. Now that her duties were lightened they often met, and standing together by wooden ramparts of the fort, looked out across the river or down upon the town beneath them teeming with human life and activity. Tonti made no reference to their personal relations, but spoke of La Salle's return, his plans and the future prospects of the colony. Rence listened to him with interest, but the look of peace which she wore betrayed the fact that she was content with the present and satisfied at being there. One morning a canoe was sighted

coming up the river. On landing it was found to contain three members of La Salle's party, sent to reinforce the garrison of the fort, who bore a message from him to Tonti. In this, La Salle related what he had accomplished, and informed Tonti that he had chosen to save time by journeying up the Ohio river on his way to Quebec instead of returning to Fort St. Louis and thence by way of the lakes, as he had originally intended. He appointed Touti to command in his absence and sent massages of good-will to the Indian chiefs. He hoped to return by December and wished them all success in defending and holding the post. Tonti received the news of the further duration of his responsibility with a good grace, while Renee's

features expressed no sorrow. This state of peaceful happiness was not to iast, however. Within two weeks another canoe appeared bringing a French officer from Quebec. He presented himself to Tonti as the Chevalier de Baugis, an officer of the king's dragoons, who bore an unwelcome letter for La Salle. Through this letter Tonti learned, much to his surprise, that Frontenac's enemies had so far prevailed as to procure his recall the previous autumn; that Le Febvre de la Barre was now governor, a friend of Duchesneau and the other enemies of La Salle. He brought with him a commission as commanding officer of his majesty's fort, and orders for La Salle to surrender the command to him and report at once at Quebec. This was a severe blow. Tonti was not disposed to submit to his deposi-

tion gracefully. [To Be Continued.]

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